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1. IN REF A WE PROPOSED THREE "FOUNDATION-BUILDING" MEASURES FOR EVENTUAL INCLUSION IN THE LTDP: (1) A NATO-WIDE STANDARDIZATION DIRECTIVE, (2) A NATO UMBRELLA FOR EXISTING AND NEW DEFENSE PROCUREMENT MOU'S, AND (3) A NATO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE. THESE MEASURES ARE INTENDED TO HELP PREPARE THE GROUNDWORK FOR MORE SPECIFIC FUTURE STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY AND RATIONALIZATION PROGRAMS.

2. THE CONCEPT OF A NATO-WIDE STANDARDIZATION DIRECTIVE WAS FORMALLY PICKED UP BY TF-8 AND APPEARS TO HAVE GENERAL ALLIED ACCEPTANCE. THE MULTILATERALIZATION OF PROCUREMENT MOU'S SIMILAR TO THE US-UK, US-NO, AND US-IT MOU'S HAS NOT YET HAPPENED. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT
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THAT, AS MORE OF THE BILATERAL PROCUREMENT MOU'S ARE NEGOTIATED, THE TIME WILL BE RIPE TO NATO-IZE THE BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ESTABLISH AN INTERLOCKING NETWORK OF UMBRELLA PROCUREMENT MOU'S.

3. OUR THIRD PROPOSED MEASURE -- A NATO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE -- HAS NOT MOVED. IN REF B WE SUGGESTED

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INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL AS A PART OF AN OFFICIAL US
INPUT TO TF-8. REF C CONCURRED IN THE THRUST OF OUR
PROPOSAL, AND THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF REF C
CONCERNING POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL US THOUGHTS ON HARMONIZA-
TION OF DOCTRINE, OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS, AND TACTICS BY
MEANS OF SUCH DEVICES AS THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NATO COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE, WAS INCLUDED IN
OUR COVERING LETTER WHICH FORWARDED TO ASYG WALSH THE
US INPUT TO TF-8. IN REF D (PARA 13) WE SUGGESTED THAT
THE US SHOULD WORK ON GETTING SOME SPECIFIC SUMMIT-
ORIENTED RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE EWG COMPREHENSIVE
REPORT, E.G. AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A NATO COMMAND AND
STAFF COLLEGE.

4. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO
TABLE A PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO COMMAND
AND STAFF COLLEGE AT THE 13 APRIL EWG MEETING. WE
BELIEVE THE EXACT MODALITIES OF INTRODUCING THE US PRO-
POSAL COULD BE LEFT TO USNATO TO WORK OUT WITH THE EWG
CHAIRMAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY 12 APRIL.
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